

**Notice of Allowability**

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/09/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 06/08/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 11/02/05
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to applicant's response received on December 09, 2005.

2. Claims 1-26 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reasons for the allowance of the independent claims 1, 8 and 15 are the inclusion of the following limitations that are not found in the prior art and they are uniquely distinct features. The closest prior art is Downs et al. (6,226,618 B1; hereinafter Down). Down discloses a digital content distribution system that securely provides encrypted data to the users. An authorized user who has the right decryption key can decrypt the encrypted data. The decryption key is sent first to a clearinghouse. At the clearinghouse the encrypted data decryption key is decrypted and re-encrypted using the user's public key and then transferred to the user's system.

However, this art fails to anticipate or render the following limitations:

"Claim 1: a connection module which is downloaded and included in said client and is attached to but separate from said rendering engine for receiving the set of rights associated with the at least one document, for verifying the integrity of the client by confirming a user interface module is attached to said rendering engine, and for verifying the integrity of the rendering;

a user interface module which is downloaded and included in said client and is attached to but separate from said rendering engine for controlling access by the client to the at least one document for enforcing use of the at least one document in accordance with the set of rights associated with said at least one document.”

“Claim 8: downloading a connection module and a user interface module to said client;

receiving the list of rights associated with the at least one of the documents with said connection module included in said client and attached to but separate from the rendering engine and that verifies the integrity of the client by confirming a user interface module is attached to said rendering engine, and for verifying the integrity of the rendering engine.”

“Claim 15: downloading a connection module and a user interface module to said client;

attaching said user interface module and said connection module to the rendering engine;

wherein said user interface module and said connection module are separate from the said rendering engine.”

4. The dependent claims 2-7, 9-14 and 16-26 are allowed because they were originally found to include a unique feature not found in the closest abovementioned art.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdulhakim Nobahar whose telephone number is 571-272-3808. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 8-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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